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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### December 16th, 2019

#### PRESENT:

Frank Thomas, Chairman	Jim Lieberum, DM
Mark Brown, Vice Chairman	Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Susan Wilson, Director	Dean Moore, Sr. DT
Tim Thomas, Director	Nick Rowell, NRS
Michael Greenslade, Director	Bob Bombard, WRS
George Ryan, Director	Maren Alexander, DT
Steve Lovering, Queensbury	Tim Scherbotskoy, ACC
Teresa Whalen, Citizen Recognition	Kim London, ACC
Pam, guest of Teresa Whalen	Ron Conover, County Chair
Dave Wick, LGPC	Brian Steinmuller, NYS SWCC
Amy Drexel, WC OES	Walt Lender, LGA
Matt Simpson, County BOS	Chris Navitsky, LG Waterkeeper
Ryan Moore, WC Administrator	Allison Gaddy, LCLGRP
Tim Costello, Guest	Nancy Costello, Guest
Rose Montesi, Guest	Matt Montesi, Guest
Dave Harrington, Guest	Ronda Thomas, Guest

- 1) **Meeting was called to order:** Chairman Thomas convened the Director's meeting at 11:49 a.m.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes: Motion:** by Greenslade to approve the November 2019 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried
- 3) **Report of Officers:**
  - a) **Chairman Report:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Thomas mentioned. The county budget committee meeting approved the District's budget for 2020. Thomas also mentioned he is stepping down from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District Board it was a pleasure to serve on the board for over 16 years. Thomas will be running for the chairman of the Board of Supervisor for Warren County.
  - b) **Treasurer Report:** As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$114,826.54 most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for November totaled \$9,722.77 with added bills and grant bills for approval \$39,577.61, approval of November financial report 2019. **Motion:** by Brown to pay WCSWCD Workers compensations totaling \$1,555.70 and Disability invoice \$235.38, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas, carried. **Motion: by Brown to approve all bills for payment for December with added bills on signature sheet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Thomas, carried. Motion: by Ryan to**

**approve the financial report for November 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown, carried.**

- c) **Correspondence:** 1. Board of Supervisor letter to District approving Budgeted amount \$345,817 for 2020 budget. 2. Flyer on NYS Stormwater Regional Trainings being held at Saratoga Cornell Cooperative Extension call for dates and training topics you would like. 3. Fact Sheet from USDA Farm Service agency on Emergency Forest Restoration Program.

4) **SWCD Business:**

- a) **Appointment of Officers for 2020: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Motion:** by Ryan to appoint Mark Brown for Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Thomas, carried. **Motion:** by Frank Thomas to appoint Craig Leggett for Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson, carried. **Motion:** by Frank Thomas to appoint Rhonda for Treasurer of the Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, carried.
- b) **2020 National Association of Conservation Districts Conference February 8-12,** Lieberum mentioned this 2020 NACD conference is being held at the Bally's in Las Vegas, NV. Please let Rhonda or Lieberum know if you are interested, it is highly recommended that the new board members who have not attended this conference to do so and it will count for the District Part C funding from the state committee.
- c) **2020 NYACD Legislative Days, March 2/3,** Lieberum mentioned 2020 legislative days in March is also highly recommended for the new board members to attend if possible it is more geared towards board members than staff. Please let Rhonda know if you will be attending this overnight and tour so you can get registered.
- d) **Northeast Organic Farming Association – LCBP grant received, Rowell** receive a professional development grant of \$500.00 from LCBP for Rowell attending the Northeast Organic Farming Association annual meeting in Syracuse beginning of 2020.
- e) **2020 Tree and Shrub program review,** Moore mentioned the 2020 flier for the Tree and shrub program has been revised with a better flow and more information about the program and other programs involved with trees and added species. **Motion:** Tim Thomas to approve the new tree and shrub flier for 2020 program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, carried.
- f) **Working Agreement for Native Species – Cooperative Extension,** Lieberum, Rowell and Alexander met with Warren County cooperative ext. to go over an agreement which the District will be entering into for cooperative to grow some native plant species for District grant projects.

The district will also be helping cooperative ext. with 2020 Warren County Fair.

- g) **Other,** Ryan suggested asking SUNY Adirondack for a possible help with growing Native Species of plants for the District grant projects.

**5) Reports From Other Agencies,**

**Ronald Conover-** Conover thanked the District board members and staff for all we do for the County and the Towns.

**Brian Stienmuller-** Thanked the District board and staff and mentioned the Warren County SWCD is one of the leaders throughout the state.

**Dave Wick** – Another fantastic year for the District, sad to see Thomas and Costello go and welcomed the new members.

**Walt Lender-** Great job this year the District was always the first call to get the Stormwater projects on the ground. Thank you.

**Amy Dextrel-** The County EMO appreciates the help and thanks to Lieberum and Bombard for all the help on the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 storms.

**Chris Navitsky-** 100% great job this year for the District Board and Staff, Thank you.

**6) Lunch**

**7) Awards/Recognition,**

a. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition- Ashley Davis

b. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition- Teresa Whalen

c. Ronald Montesi Conservation Recognition – Leon Steves

d. 2019 AEM Farm of the Year – SUNY Adirondack

e. 2019 Conservationist of the Year – Steve Lovering, Queensbury parks & Rec.

- 8) **2019 Warren County SWCD Highlights** Lieberum went through the highlights and it has been a great year for the District to get the conservation on the ground.

- 9) **Adjournment: Motion: by Tim Thomas to adjourn Directors meeting at 2:10p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilson, carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_